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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 20277 |
| Tae H. Ji, et al. | : | Confirmation Number: 5911 |
| Application No.: 10/696,562 | : | Group Art Unit: 1651 |
| Filed: October 30, 2003 | : | Examiner: Tiffany Gough |

For: REGULATION OF FOLLICULAR DEVELOPMENT AND OVULATION BY
CYTOSKELETAL GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of August 23, 2006 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to a method of altering the regulation of gene expression) for prosecution in the above-identified application.


It is respectfully submitted that the claimed methods are related to one another in that each of these methods is directed to gene regulation effected by FSH. That FSH differentially effects genes involved in different developmental processes is a part of Applicants' invention. The Examiner has arbitrarily dissected out the different developmental processes effected by FSH, and in particular, caused by FSH gene regulation.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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